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1. JOHAN DAHL, SECTION CHIEF FOR UN AND DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONS AT THE NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, STATED THAT NORWAY WAS IN BROAD AGREEMENT WITH U.S. POSITIONS ON IFAD OUTLINED IN REF (A). DAHL SAID, HOWEVER, THAT NORWAY SEES NEED TO REMAIN OPEN MINDED CONCERNING POSITION OF OPEC AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE SUGGESTED U.S. DELEGATION CONTACT NORWEGIAN DELEGATION IN ROME FOR MOST UP-TO-DATE NORWEGIAN POSITION.

2. ON SPECIFIC POINTS RAISED IN REFTTEL A, DAHL SUPPORTED 1 BILLION SDR TARGET AND PRINCIPLE THAT GROUP I
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AND GROUP II HAVE ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

DAHL AGREED THERE SHOULD BE A CLEAR LINK BETWEEN CONTRIBUTIONS AND VOTING POWER. ALTHOUGH NORWAY ORIGINALLY SUPPORTED THE ONE COUNTRY ONE VOTE CONCEPT, THEY ACCEPT 17.5 PERCENT COMPROMISE. IF OTHER GROUPS DO NOT ACCEPT RIGHT OF EACH GROUP TO MAKE ITS OWN VOTING ARRANGEMENT, NORWAY WILL MAINTAIN THAT GROUP I COUNTRIES SHOULD BE READY TO NEGOTIATE ISSUE FURTHER. NORWAY DOES NOT FEEL AS STRONGLY ABOUT QUESTION OF DIRECT LENDING AS UNITED STATES, ALTHOUGH IT ACCEPTS LANGUAGE AGREED UPON IN THE GROUP I CONTACT GROUP. DAHL QUESTIONED, HOWEVER, WHETHER GROUP I POSITION WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

3. NORWAY WILL PLEDGE 10 MILLION SDR TO IFAD. DAHL ALSO STATED THAT NORWAY WILL FIRMLY RESIST ANY EFFORT BY FAO TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH IFAD.
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